

# MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

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WHOLE NO. 443

## BUTCHERS 506 DISTRICT COUNCIL BACKS NEW HALL PLANS IN S.J., SALINAS

At its regular meeting last month, the District Council of Butchers Union 506 voted to pledge \$4000 for construction of a new Labor Temple in San Jose and \$1000 toward construction of a new hall for labor in Salinas, Earl A. Moorhead, secretary of Local 506, reports.

Other highlights of the meeting included:

Vote by regular motion that Local 506 dispense with all "banquets, beer busts, barbecues, and all social activities for the year 1947."

Announcement that the initiation fee for all male applicants with exception of miscellaneous help is still \$50.

Decision to increase out-of-work dues to \$2.00, effective May 1, 1947.

Reports of branches:

Palo Alto—Bro. "Scotty" Oliver reported conditions good and everything okay in this area.

San Mateo (Local 516)—Bro. Ed Michelsen reports wages of \$107.00 per week for managers and \$70 to \$75 for journeymen, tannery dispute settled with 17½¢ per hour increase. He added that no overtime is allowed in San Mateo area.

Watsonville—Bro. Carl Lambert declared five markets placed on unfair list as of last Saturday.

Salinas—Bro. Robert Shinn reports excellent progress since Business Agent E. L. Courtright placed in area.

Hollister & Gilroy—Bro. Hughes and Jacques reported checking on violations of work hours in the area.

Monterey—Bro. Roland Robinson Western Provision Co. has cleared up all back wages, some checks as high as \$363, some new markets opening, some difficulty on 6 p.m. closing.

Santa Cruz (Local 266)—Bro. Kaspar Bauer reported on tannery dispute and wage increase of 17½ cents per hour retroactive to December 8, 1947, new machinery in tannery to speed up production has replaced 10 men.

Egg Workers—Sister Ruth Burton reported on proposed changes to the contract in current negotiations.

Business Representatives Moorshead, Fred Feci and E. L. Courtright gave brief reports on their activities.

Those in attendance included delegates from:

Palo Alto—A. Oliver, Frank Taylor, Jack Trivette.

Watsonville—Carl Lambert, Bill Johns, Garth Treanor.

Salinas—Robert Shinn, Clark Barnett, E. L. Courtright.

Monterey—William Boland, Rodland Robinson.

Gilroy & Hollister—Bros. Hughes and Jacques.

San Mateo—Edwin Michelsen, Al Hedges.

Santa Cruz—Kaspar Bauer.

San Jose—Roger Erwin, Ruth Burton, Fred Feci, Carl Pimental and Earl Moorhead.

## Andrade, Harris To Attend Temo Confab in South

Peter A. Andrade, secretary, and Albert Harris, president, both of Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas, have been delegated to attend the convention of the Western Conference of Teamsters at Santa Barbara May 10.

Andrade was named delegate from the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7 of San Francisco, while Harris was named delegate from Local 890.

## The Business Agent's Dream

A man knocked at the Heavenly Gate,

His face was scarred and old;

He stood before the man of fate

For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," St. Peter asked,

"To gain admission here?"

"I've been a business agent, Sir,

For many and many a year."

The pearly gates swung open wide,

St. Peter touched the bell—

"Come in and choose your harp," he said,

"You've had your share of hell."

—Reprinted by request.

## Waitress III

Dorothy Miller, waitress of Culinary-Bartenders 483 of Monterey, was in a Monterey hospital last week recovering from an appendectomy. She is employed at Was-

## Teamsters 296 Give Schedule Of Meetings

Sales Delivery Drivers and Warehousemen's Union 296 has announced its schedule of regular meetings for this year. The schedule includes:

San Jose Taxicab Division—First Tuesday of month, 7 a.m.

San Jose Bakery Division—First Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.

San Jose Milk Division—Fourth Tuesday, 8 p.m.

San Jose Warehousemen—Fourth Friday, 8 p.m.

San Jose Sales Delivery Drivers (except bakery and milk)—Fourth Thursday, 8 p.m.

Salinas area regular meeting—First Thursday, 8 p.m.

Watsonville area regular meeting—Third Thursday, 8 p.m.

Meetings are held in following locations:

San Jose—Teamsters Hall, 941 Alameda (41 North Morrison Ave.).

Salinas—Carpenters Hall, 422 North Main St.

Watsonville—Labor Temple, 462-A Main St.

## Delegates Off To Bartenders Annual Confab

Four delegates from as many local unions of culinary workers and bartenders in the Monterey Bay Area left last weekend for Milwaukee, Wis., where they will attend international convention of the craft.

The delegates and their unions are:

Salinas Bartenders 545—Peter C. Salista.

Salinas Culinary 467—Bertha Boles.

Monterey Culinary—Bartenders 483—Pearl Robinson.

Santa Cruz County Culinary-Bartenders 345—Mildred Rowe.

## Some Summer Work Expected On Cannery Row

Prospects that a good summer pack will provide much needed work for members of Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey were seen last week by FCWU Secretary Roy Humbracht.

The official said some summer sardines are being packed already by Howden and Del Mar plants, when the fish can be caught. In addition some plants are putting up squid and other fish when available. Other plants want to put up summer sardines, he added.

At Moss Landing, fishermen were going out for shark, using harpoons to catch the huge fish after airplane spotters locate the shark basking on top of the water. Shark liver oil is the chief product from the catch.

Meanwhile, Lester Caveney, union business agent, and Joe Perry, president, are back from Chicago this week. They have been attending the Seafarers International Union convention there and will give their reports on the convention to the union meeting scheduled for next week.

## Fran Dougwell Enjoys Vacation

Frances Dougwell, office secretary for Warehousemen 890, was away from the union office last week taking a well-earned rest. She reportedly spent much time with her sister who was visiting here.

Miss Dougwell was in a serious automobile accident recently on Monterey Road, escaping with only bruised and shock. Others in the car were seriously hurt.

Then there was the Scotchman who was run over by a beer truck. For the first time in his life the Scotchman was seriously hurt.

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## UNIONS JOIN FARMERS IN POWER FIGHT

Coo Bay, Oregon  
Rival unions have joined with farmers and small shopkeepers in support of the northwest's most popular issue, public power.

First banded together in a Joint Progressive Legislative Committee to protest passage of antilabor legislation at Salem, the bay area people are branching out into a campaign for establishment of a Public Utility District which, they say, will do much to develop resources in this city which recently became the world's largest exporter of lumber.

Decision of the committee to push for a PUD coincided with federal announcement that work on the \$180 million McNary dam, twin sister to Bonneville, will begin at Umatilla.

Another issue having the committee's active support is liberalization of state laws covering industrial accidents and jobless insurance benefits.

The committee includes official representation from the Grange and the Eagles Lodge, as well as from fishermen, longshoremen and woodworkers' locals and from brickmasons, carpenters, culinary workers, electrical workers and machinists.

## Garment Union Lends \$100,000 To Dutch Labor

New York City  
The Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union is lending \$100,000 to the Netherlands Trolley & Railway Workers Union for the purchase of overalls, shoes and other work clothes.

A check for that amount was presented to Netherlands Ambassador Alexander Loudon by ILGW Pres. David Dubinsky at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon. Loudon turned the check over to Willy Dorchain, U.S. representative of the Intl. Federation of Transport Workers with which the Dutch union is affiliated. Dorchain will send the money here and ship his purchases to the Netherlands.

Dubinsky said he hoped the 3-year loan would help relieve the desperate situation of the Dutch workers and added that they need not worry about repaying it in time as "we won't declare war or even appeal to the United Nations."

Humanitarianism was not the sole reason for loan, Dubinsky said, explaining that the IFTW "believes as we do that the World Federation of Trade Unions, as constituted today, is not the solution to the question of world trade union unity."

Senate Passes Bill  
To Halt \$6 Billion  
In Portal Pay Suits

Washington, D. C.  
Over the strenuous objections of administration Democrats and two lone Republicans, the Senate passed the Gwynne bill prohibiting portal-to-portal back pay suits that now total about \$6 billion. The vote was 64 to 24.

Sen. Scott Lucas (D., Ill.), the Democratic whip, predicted that Pres. Truman would veto the measure because of its "many loopholes" endangering the wage-hour act.

As passed by the Senate, the bill outlaws all pending suits for recovery of "walking time" or portal-to-portal pay and bars future suits except those covered by contracts by industry practice. It also sets up a 2-year statute of limitations for suits it permits.

The two lone GOP members joining the Democrats were Senators George Aiken (R., Vt.) and William Langer (R., N.D.).

Henry Dias  
May Run for  
Council Post

Henry Dias, secretary of Plumbers Union 62 and also connected with the Monterey County Plumbing Company, may become a candidate for election as a city councilman in Monterey. The plan has been approved by the commissioners of internal revenue.

Each member of the union will make a specified contribution to the fund and this will be matched dollar for dollar by an employer's contribution equal to 1 percent of the gross payroll paid by contractors to union members.

## Taft Helps to Kill Minimum Wage Increase

In a surprise move, the Senate's liberal Democrats proposed raising the minimum wage from 40c to 60c an hour only to have Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) move to table. Taft won, 57 to 32. When Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) expressed shock at "only 60c," Sen. Brian McMahon (D., Conn.) replied: "The gentleman ought to address his prayers to the other side of the aisle." Morse returned: "I never

## New Foreign Policy Dooms Cut in Taxes

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK  
Washington, D. C.

Awed and shaken by Pres. Truman's demand for \$400 million for Greece and Turkey to check the advance of what he called communism in the near and middle east, American business began assessing the cost and implication of the Truman doctrine.

While there has been no definite spelling out of the outlay that will be called for, opinion is crystallizing here that Truman told only half the full story.

Truman, for instance, failed to reveal where else, and what else would be involved for the nation. He may not know entirely, but certainly knows more than he told.

**OUTLAY OF BILLION\$?**

Most business observers in Washington feel that the cost will involve billions within the next few years . . . that the \$400 million is just a down payment or earnest money.

The major consideration in the commercial field is the effect on business. One top executive for a clothing house who had been experiencing a rash of orders for fancy priced men's suits from major department stores, reached Baltimore the day after Truman's talk. He got no orders but a lot of "let's talk and wait and see" argument.

While clothing of that type will be hurt, there will be a good deal of government purchasing of food and other commodities for relief and military purposes abroad.

**BOX-CAR SHORTAGE**

The shortage in box cars will be increased by the new policy, and steel and copper will become harder to obtain because of the demands for export. Trucks will go to Europe, along with locomotives and other railway equipment.

The whole business may help check the depression forecast for the middle or latter part of 1947 . . . and a war economy, or preparedness measures if advanced by the administration, will increase that trend by increasing employment in aircraft factories and the munitions field.

But with the situation in a state of flux, exact predictions are hard to obtain even in Washington today.

Certainly the tax program has been thrown for a loss by the Truman demands. Congress will go slow in slashing taxes now, and the bi-partisan foreign policy may take a beating because next year is 1948 and a presidential year.

## Elec. Workers Announce Full Pension Setup

Philadelphia, Penn.  
A nation-wide pension plan, first in the construction industry, which will provide old age benefits for more than 150,000 members of the Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) has been announced by the union and Pres. William F. McCarter of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware chapter of the Nat'l. Electrical Contractors' Assn.

A result of two years' collective bargaining, the new plan will provide retirement benefits of \$50 monthly to IBEW members who reach the age of 65 and have been union members for 20 years. The plan has been approved by the commissioners of internal revenue.

Each member of the union will make a specified contribution to the fund and this will be matched dollar for dollar by an employer's contribution equal to 1 percent of the gross payroll paid by contractors to union members.

## Gwynne Wage-Hour Amendments HR. 2157, S. 70

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## UNIONS MUST FIGHT TO STOP 'ANTIS' IN CALIF. LEGISLATURE

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Labor will have to fight with all its might if it is to conserve the gains of former years and check adverse legislation now pending before the legislature as the legislative mill begins to grind away.

**SB 342 (Hatfield et al.)**—the "Hot Cargo" measure was heard recently by the Senate Committee on Labor. This bill has been cleverly amended to disguise its true import and make it more palatable to unspecting persons. Should this bill receive a "do-pass" from the Committee, labor will have to redouble its efforts to impress upon the state legislators the need of opposing the enactment of this discriminatory measure.

**AB 619 (Grunsky et al.)** was amended so that insurance companies will be permitted to get together on rates. While it allegedly proposes to promote competition, it actually would set up group monopoly and sanction such monopolistic agreements. It also would place unusual power in the hands of the insurance commissioners.

**SB 1388 (Rich et al.)**, which has been held over by the Committee on Governmental Efficiency, has been amended. The bill now provides that

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## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### A REAL BARGAIN

And then there's the one about the man who hurried up to the counter, laid down five pennies and demanded a can opener. The clerk handed him a nickel, and he went on his way, happily.

### IMPEDIMENTS ELIMINATED

The bachelor was speaking to his butler: "Jarvis, why didn't you put out my gloves for me tonight?"

"But, sir, you said you were calling on a young lady and I thought you'd feel better without them."

### RECIPE FOR ROAST

"Suppose you came home and found your wife's head in the oven with all the gas jets burning, what would you do?"

"Baste her every fifteen minutes."

### REALLY HANDICAPPED

"Please, please, Bill, use both hands," the gal screamed to the boy who was driving along a curved road with one hand on the wheel and the other on the girl's shoulder.

"Gosh, Toots," replied Bill, "I wish I could, only I've got to steer with one."

### AIMED TO PLEASE

A young lady went into a drug store.

"Have you any Lifebuoy?" she asked.

"Set the pace, lady," said the young drug clerk. "Set the pace."

### HAD A RABBIT'S FOOT

"Of course, you know my husband is a private detective."

"Yes, so I heard. Has he found any strange men hiding in closets yet?"

"No. I've been pretty lucky so far."

### COLOSSAL ANTI-CLIMAX

"Can you drive with one hand?" she asked.

"Certainly," he said with a thrill running through him.

"Then have an apple," she said as she gave him one.

### IT'S A HOD LIFE

All the workers in the long line of men digging the new subway pushed their wheelbarrows filled with dirt as they wheeled them away. All except one. He alone pulled his.

"Why?" asked a sidewalk superintendent of the gang foreman, "does that man pull and not push his barrow? Is he a Communist or something?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "It's just that he hates the sight of the damned thing."

### TECHNIQUE DE LUXE

Fred Higginsonough, accompanied by a beautiful blonde, entered a big fur store one Friday.

"We want to look at a mink coat," he said. The \$300 model pleased her, but not him. Finally the saleswoman brought out the \$25,000 model. "We'll take it," Fred said immediately. "Here's my check. Have her initials embroidered in the lining, and we'll call for it next Tuesday. That will give you time to make sure my check's okay."

On Tuesday the couple came in for the coat. The saleswoman apologetically told Fred the credit manager wanted to see him. He left the blonde and went up to the office. Before the credit man could say anything, Fred asked: "Did you call up my bank? Did they say my family had millions but that I was the black sheep and my limit was \$500 a month?"

"Why?" But . . .

"Good!" said Fred. "And thanks for a very pleasant week-end."

### FOR UTILITY ONLY

**FIRST GOB:** "You say that gorgeous Wave is your best girl?"

**SECOND GOB:** "Naw . . . just neck's best."

### DULL INTERLUDE

"Have a good time at the dentist's office?"

"No, I was bored to tears."

### TAKING NO CHANCES

A man wandering in a department store squeezed one doll and it cried, "Mama!" Later he squeezed another one. It screamed, "Manager!"

### —AL SESSIONS

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



### LAND OF THE DACOTAH'S

by Bruce Nelson. Published by The University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn. Price \$3.75. This salty narrative of the Upper Missouri Valley, from the days of the old French explorers to the present, is one of the most satisfying books I have read in a long time.

It has everything—Injuns, history, man battling the elements and terrain, conquest of the rivers for navigation, broad humor, legend, the rise of the railroad empire, tales of heroism and scoundrelage, and some choice bits of de-bunking of some favorite American myths.

It's all there—the betrayal of the Indians by the ruthless white man, the Indians striking back, desperately but futilely, against the tide of empire; the insane slaughter of the buffalo; the cattle era and the rule of the six-shooter; the copper and gold rushes at Butte and Homestake.

Mr. Browder, admitting his background and sympathy for the Soviets, says that his only concern is peace and friendly relations between the two countries. His book, however, lays most of the blame for the deterioration of relations at the doorstep of the United States. You probably won't agree with him, but in "War Or Peace With Russia" you will find one of the ablest statements from that point of view.

### —AL SESSIONS

### Popular Releases

Current releases of Popular Library 25-cent books include two that should find ready response from the public. One is "Mesquite Jenkins, Tumbleweed," by Clarence E. Mulford, creator of the ever-popular Hopalong Cassidy. The other is a gripping story of the Canadian Northwest—"The Phantom Canoe," by William Byron Mowery.

Popular Library announces that its 25-cent edition of "Duel in the Sun" is selling so fast that the presses can't keep up with the demand.

First 500,000 went fast, then another batch of 300,000 was gobblled up in a few weeks. A third large printing is under way.—A.E.S.

### —AL SESSIONS

### New Legislation

### Seeks to Arrest Growth of Trusts

Washington, D. C.

The Federal Trade Commission was back before Congress seeking power to check the growth of monopoly as House judiciary subcommittee hearings opened on HR. 515.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) would give the FTC power to order dissolution of corporation mergers which tended toward monopoly, and parallels HR. 5535 passed unanimously by the House judiciary committee last year but bottled up by the rules committee.

Aimed primarily at big business,

the bill would permit mergers where the assets of the corporation to be acquired are less than \$100,000 and if the combined assets of both firms in the deal are under \$5 million. A detailed report to Congress by FTC Mar. 10 showed the tremendous growth of monopoly through merger and buying-out of small companies since 1940.

FTC has recommended annually since 1927 that Congress halt monopoly-trend business mergers by plugging the loophole in the Clayton antitrust law allowing one firm to buy another's physical assets, such as plant and supplies, but not its stock alone. Kefauver's bill is aimed simply at plugging this loophole in the Clayton Act.

A companion measure has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) along with a stronger bill which would require mergers to get prior clearance from FTC before taking effect. Kefauver introduced such a bill in the 79th Congress, but rules committee opposition forced him to change it in favor of HR. 5535.

The thesis of Mr. Browder's study is that practically all the misunderstanding between the U. S. and the Soviets is the result of reversal of the Roosevelt program. This has also been the core of Henry Wallace's disagreement with the administration. Both claim that we have taken the Churchillian, instead of the Roosevelt road.

Although written in the summer

and fall of last year, the book asks a startlingly prophetic question:

"What is Democracy?"

Question for Senator Ball and his ilk: If a majority of workers in a plant vote for a certain union to represent them, and that majority also votes that all other employees must belong to the union—is that any more "tyrannical" than for a majority of citizens to vote a bond issue and force the minority who voted against it to help pay for it? Or, in your opinion, does democracy mean rule by the minority?



"Tell me, Luther," said Mr. Dilworth, "has your geography teacher ever happened to mention whether the Greeks or Turks wear diapers? And I don't mean the Abanians."

"Not the big ones, anyway," Luther replied. "But how come you're so deeply interested in the cultural life of the mid-east all of a sudden?"

"Just wondering, son, if I could cut myself and the Dilworth Diaper Works in on this \$400,000,000 of supplies and assistance Uncle Sam is going to pass out. Might as well help home industry make a little profit while we're helping out the world, you know."

"You might sell your diapers as rifle ramrod cleaners and get somewhere," Little Luther suggested.

"Splendid idea!" exclaimed Mr. Dilworth.

"Or you might peddle them as crying towels to the radio commentators who are weeping about the troubles of King George. But how come you and your diapers have to get mixed up in this business? Millions of American babies are still crying for diapers."

"Let 'em eat cake!" snapped Mr. Dilworth.

"That's in another department," Little Luther said.

"I've got to do something," said Mr. Dilworth. "Sales dropped off 17 per cent last year."

"I thought you said profits were up 37 per cent in 1946."

"What have profits got to do with sales, Luther? Can't you ever get it through your head how industry operates? Of course profits were up 37 per cent. That's why sales dropped. That's why I've got to find new markets. Or we'll have a depression in diapers."

"Did it ever occur to you," asked Little Luther, "to cut the price of diapers, boost sales, and make profits that way?"

"That, my son, is subversive thinking. That's the kind of thing that obliges me to make more profits so I can fight against it. Do I make myself clear?"

"Better watch yourself," said Little Luther.

"Why, what's wrong?" inquired Mr. Dilworth.

"Nothing, except that you're beginning to crack up, like the British empire."

## 'Notice of Withdrawal'

United Mine Workers of America

March 19, 1947

Honorable J. A. Krug  
Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The notice of November 15, 1946, terminating the Krug-Lewis Agreement as of November 20, 1946,

is hereby unconditionally withdrawn.

Yours truly

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

By

John L. Lewis

President

This is a copy of the letter sent by Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL) to Sec. of Interior Julius A. Krug "unconditionally" withdrawing his contract termination of November 15, 1946. The Supreme Court's recent decision forced Lewis to take such action. (Federated Pictures)

## IT'S A LIE!

By MARTY SOLOW

Maybe those guys who write for the big-money press don't buy in the grocery stores we do. Toward the end of February Burton Heath, NEA Service staff correspondent, wrote that food prices are "down already and other prices (are) apparently hitting or passing their peaks."

Whether this dishonest twist is Ball's or Time's we don't know. But this is a new attempt to explain away big business monopoly by blaming it on labor. We would remind Ball and Time that monopoly dated back to days before unions had any strength. In fact, the Sherman anti-trust act, passed in the 1890s, indicates that labor didn't have to do big business the idea of developing monopolies.

## Help to Greece Shipowners Hit By Union Chief

Washington, D. C.

Among other things, an American loan to King George's Greek government would subsidize runaway Greek shipowners evading taxation and seeking to depress safety at sea and maritime labor standards. See Hoyt Haddock of the Maritime Committee wrote the House foreign affairs committee.

Haddock said the Greek government is allowing its merchant shipowners to escape paying taxes by transferring their vessels to Panamanian and Honduran flags while begging a loan from the U.S.A. The Greek merchant fleet, he wrote, is historically a sizable part of that country's economy, "yet the Greek government permits the shipowners to evade substantial tax responsibilities."

### TIME BABBLERS ON

1

The March 3 issue of Time magazine, talking about Sen. Joseph H. Ball, champ congressional labor baiter, said: "He saw a growing labor monopoly driving employers to even greater concentration of power. . . ."

2

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## Laws Against Monopoly Are Called Futile

Washington, D. C. The recent growth of industrial monopoly has proved that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890 and the Clayton Act of 1914 are not sufficient protection against growing economic and political domination of the nation from giant trusts, the House Judiciary subcommittee was told recently when considering H.R. 515.

Introduced by Rep. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), the bill would amend the Clayton act to block merger of companies through buying out of assets. Kefauver and Federal Trade Commissioner R. E. Freer detailed reasons for its passage.

**FTC LACKS POWER**  
Freer offered "as a typical and current instance of the futility of any further attempt" to enforce the anti-merger section of the Clayton act, the consolidated Grocers Corp. This firm in 1945 became the largest in the country with assets of \$20 million and annual sales of \$100 million. FTC tried to halt CGC's taking over the stock of smaller firms as a violation of the Clayton law, but found itself powerless when the trust bought out the properties of the smaller outfits.

"There being no effective way to which stock acquired could be divested, even though it were later held to have been unlawfully acquired," Freer said, "the FTC had no alternative to dismissing the case, which it did in February, 1947."

### SHERMAN ACT FLAPPY

"Thus the brave start, under the Clayton act, toward preventing monopoly in its incipiency has ended in complete frustration. At the same time the Sherman act has been so construed that it seldom has served to unscramble corporate mergers, no matter how great the size and power of the acquiring or of the consolidated corporation. In the International Harvester case, the U.S. Supreme Court did not think such a corporation, constituting from 64 to 85 per cent of an industry, was an unlawful monopoly."

Arguing for his bill, Kefauver said the control of American business "is steadily being transferred from local communities to a few large cities in which central managers decide the policies and the fate of the far-flung empires they control. Millions of people depend helplessly on their judgment."

## Charge Coca-Cola Chief Discharged Employees for Union Activities

Indianapolis, Indiana  
A criminal affidavit has been filed here charging Pres. James Yunker of the Coca-Cola Co. with discharging men for union activity.

The unusual action, based on a rarely-used 1893 Indiana law which made it a misdemeanor to discharge an employee for union activity, was filed by Atty. Andrew Jacobs for the Int'l. Bro. of Teamsters. The teamsters, who have been on strike against the Coca-Cola Co., charge Yunker fired 16 men because they joined the union.

Jacobs was compelled to file the affidavit himself after Prosecutor Judson Stark failed to take official action on the document although it lay on his desk for two weeks.

Filed with municipal court, the affidavit still requires signature by the prosecutor or a deputy.

Hall Cochran, deputy prosecutor in charge of labor matters, said he had examined the affidavit and had forwarded the file to Stark with a recommendation that the affidavit be accepted for prosecution.

Picketing of the Coca-Cola plant has halted construction of a \$1 million addition to the plant because AFL building trades workers have observed the lines.

The company also has brought a damage suit against the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, alleging that the union intimidated the management of the P. R. Mallory Co. into suspending the Coca-Cola dispensing system at its plant. The Mallory Co. denied that it was intimidated.

Your union will continue to remind you that all members in good standing with this union will be eligible for insurance. That a Group Life Insurance has been taken out with the West Coast Life Insurance Company; this insurance affording all of our members in good standing a maximum of \$1,000 for loss of limb or sight. It also affords our members a paid up life insurance policy in the event of total or permanent disability. This master policy has been in effect since March 15. In a short time individual policies will be mailed or presented to the members when they call at the office of the union. In the meanwhile, white cards are being presented to many of our members either at the office or through shop stewards, and this card con-

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### Science Marches On

A patient came to a field hospital with the complaint that he was unable to sleep at night. The doctor's advice was for the soldier to eat something before going to bed.

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ATTENTION all produce drivers and drivers of mechanical loaders, bugs, and silver kings are urged to attend a special meeting for this group to act on their 1947 working agreement. Your Union representatives have been in negotiations with the Grower-Shippers since December, 1946. It is important that every driver be present at this meeting; decisive action may be taken in regards to the new agreement. Only members in good standing will be admitted to this meeting, the place, Women's Civic Club, next to the Police Department on Lincoln Street; the date, April 7th at 8 p.m.

### SALINAS ICE INDUSTRY

On Wednesday, March 26, the contract involving the Salinas Ice Industry made up of the Shippers' Development, Monterey Ice and Development, Growers Ice and Development, Salinas Valley Ice and Union Ice were signed; effective date of this agreement being March 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948. All classifications received an increase of 15 cents per hour across the board. A new classification was added: Female Platform Clerks, and the minimum wage for this classification is \$1.00 per hour. The eight-hour day and 40-hour week applies, as well as paid vacations, one week after one year's employment, and two weeks after two years' employment. Eligibility for vacations requires 1,600 straight and overtime hours of employment within a 12-month period. In addition to that the 15th of the month you are automatically cut off under the group life insurance for that month. Any further information you may desire may be procured by calling the Salinas office, telephone 4893.

In the past month your union has been attempting to secure back payments for any of our members who have been eligible for Unemployment Insurance, but have not received it. This has been due to a technicality involving loss of thousands of applications by the state board. Any of our members who have not received their Unemployment Insurance please file immediately with the Department of Employment, 125 Monterey St., and the proper steps will be taken in accordance with the provisions of the act to secure your benefits.

We wish to advise all of our members who are gainfully employed, that in the event of sickness they will be eligible to draw sick benefits from the state in the same manner in which they would draw unemployment insurance. It is required that you notify the Department by mail or through your doctor. A one-week waiting period must elapse before payments begin, and you are entitled under the law to receive a maximum of \$20 a week for a period not to exceed 23½ weeks, depending on your earnings for the base period.

During the last month the union submitted for your interest questions and answers covering Disability Insurance, and from time to time we will continue to keep our members informed with regards to this most important law. All shop stewards have received communications from the union as to meeting attendance. It is important that the stewards attend all regular meetings; in the future there will be special meetings for shop stewards only, and you will be notified by mail as to time and place.

Remember to buy bonds, contribute to the American Red Cross and keep your dues paid up (only members in good standing are eligible to benefits from the union). And patronize union services.

The following received sick benefits for the week ending March 28: Wm. R. Jackson, Rt. 3 Box 131, Salinas, \$25; Gilbert Carpenter, 641 New Deal, Salinas, \$25. **SOCIAL SECURITY**  
The Social Security Board, in its 11th annual report to Congress, recommended:

1. A comprehensive national insurance system—to provide insurance to all workers and their families not only against wage loss resulting from old age, death or disability, but also to cover temporary and extended total disability, and medical care.

2. A comprehensive program of public assistance on a federal-state basis, providing money to any needy person, regardless of the reason for his need or the state in which he lives.

For more detailed information on the Board's recommendations, ask for a copy of "Social Security Recommendations: Summarized from the Annual Report of the Federal Security Agency, 1946" from your local Social Security Office, 204 Post Office Building, San Jose, Calif.

We have added a new department to this column and it applies to veterans only. Every week all veterans who are members may procure valuable information by reading the releases which your union has printed. The following releases have just been received in this office from the Veterans Administration in San Francisco for publication at this time.

**VETERANS INSURANCE**  
National Service Life Insurance, the insurance that only veterans and members of the armed forces can buy, is loaded with miscellaneous features designed to give maximum protection and investment value for the lowest possible premium rate.

One of these features is called "waiver of premium." It means that if you should become totally disabled for a period of six months or longer, the Veterans Adminis-

## WILL FIGHT COURT STAND ON UNION FOR CITY WORKER

Los Angeles, Calif.  
AFL lawyers here are planning to fight up to the U. S. supreme court, if necessary, a district court's ruling that public employees cannot belong to unions.

The unanimous 3-judge decision upheld a regulation adopted by the Los Angeles board of police commissioners last year forbidding policemen to join labor organizations. Original suit was brought by Angel M. Perez, one of 800 police force members of Local 665, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Representing the union were a battery of lawyers headed by chief AFL counsel Joseph A. Padway. They argued that the board's ruling, giving the policemen 30 days to quit the union, violated the "equal protection of the law" and "class legislation" provisions of the federal and state constitutions, abridged rights of free speech and assembly and petition for grievances.

While union counsel argued that membership in a labor organization no more interfered with impartial performance than did membership in a fraternal or religious organization, main line of the court decision was that public servants could not belong to unions because they owed their allegiance entirely to the people.

### Just Democratic

"Thank you so much," murmured the fat and ancient woman, as the truck driver got up and gave her seat in the bus.

"Forgot it, lady!"

As the woman sat down, he added: "Lissen, lady, some guys only get up and give their seats to a dame that's got a pretty, young puss. But it don't make no difference to me."

stration will pay your monthly premiums for as long as your disability continues and refund the payments made after the date of disability. In addition, even while your premiums are being waived, you may convert a term policy to any kind of permanent policy except an endowment and VA will continue to waive your premiums during your period of total disability.

Another feature is called "disability income rider." This clause added to your policy requires that you take a physical examination and pay a small extra charge, but it gives you a monthly income of \$5 for each \$1,000 of insurance you are carrying if you should become totally disabled for six months or longer. Payments begin on the first day of the seventh month after your date of disability, and continue as long as your disability exists.

Most people need a loan sooner or later, and any converted NSLI policy is good for a loan after the policy is one year old. You may borrow up to 94 per cent of the cash value of your policy at three per cent annual interest.

NSLI also allows a three per cent discount for each year premiums are paid in advance.

Perhaps the most important feature of all for veterans who have service-connected disabilities (other than total) is that they can still buy NSLI, disability rider and all. It is probably the only insurance they can get if they are not already insured. The deadline for reinstating or buying NSLI while disabled is January 1, 1950.

**Question:** What is the due date of my premium on my National Service Life Insurance policy?

**Answer:** The date on which a premium is due is the same date in the month as that on which the insurance was originally made effective. This date is on your insurance certificate.

**Question:** My present occupation as a test pilot is rather dangerous. Can I get National Service Life Insurance anyway?

**Answer:** Yes, if you can meet the health requirements, NSLI carries no restrictions because of occupation, travel or residence.

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## 'Get It For You Wholesale' Hit By Commission

Washington, D. C.

The "I'll get it for you wholesale" boys may see a warning in a Federal Trade Commission order prohibiting the deceptive use of "discount cards" or other forms of price misrepresentation by the Travellers Luggage Co. of New York.

The concern deals in luggage, golf equipment, fountain pens, wallets and other merchandise and FTC found it had claimed that the "discount cards" given customers permitted them to purchase goods at prices 40 per cent lower than the usual retail price.

"This representation was erroneous and misleading," FTC said. "The fact was that in order to be able to appear to allow a discount of 40 per cent, respondents marked up and increased the prices on their merchandise . . . in such a manner that after the purported discount was allowed, the remaining net prices represented the real retail prices of the merchandise."

He was such a blueblood that if he went to a blood bank they could use his blood either for transfusions or filling their fountain pens.

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## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Another big project for this area was in the offing this week as the Civilian Production Authority granted permission for a \$60,000 plant to be constructed for the Associated Seed Co. in the Gonzales area, reports Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters 829.

Work has been started at the air base on the prefabricated housing project. Materials have been moved to the job and preparation of foundations was begun last weekend. E. N. Carlson is contractor.

A. F. Carlson has assumed the contract for construction of homes in the Bolsa Knolls tract, work formerly done by Bruce Baird under supervision of Walter Anderson.

Anderson, who has been ill, now is supervising reconstruction of the Salinas Rodeo Grounds for the city. There is no contractor on this job, but union workers are being engaged by the city for the renovation work.

At the new prison camp in Soledad, union plumbers have been called by the Monterey County Plumbing Co. for work in connection with construction of a huge new water tank.

Organization of carpenters in the southern portion of the county is progressing well, reports Bro. Harter, and it is hoped that all work in the southern part of the county will be fully union shortly.

## FIRMS AGREE TO CUT OUT FALSE ADS

Washington, D.C. Federal Trade Commission has accepted from American Dietrichs Co. of New York, and its ad agency, a stipulation to cease and desist from misrepresentation in connection with advertising and sale of a vitamin preparation called Pantothenal. Phoney claims made for the product, says the FTC, include: Prevent gray hair, restore natural hair color, make fingernails less brittle, and slow down freckles and sunburn.

The America Chemical Co. of Birmingham agrees to cut out making extravagant claims for "Hot Foot Residual Spray" and "Hot Foot Insect Spray." Claim that the sprays kill all insects is false, says FTC. The Pennsylvania Engineering Co. of Philadelphia agreed to discontinue advertising that "Aerosed Wonder Insecticide," with one "bomb," will banish fleas, silverfish, ants, roaches, bedbugs and moth larvae from a building as big as the White House. Fantastic and untrue, says FTC.

## Quarter Million of Vets Exhaust Rights To Job Compensation

Washington, D.C. Almost a quarter million war veterans have exhausted their rights to compensation for unemployment under the GI Bill of Rights, according to the Veterans Administration.

The VA said 218,000 veterans had used up their so-called 52-20 club funds by the end of January. Nearly 59,000 exhaustions took place in January compared to 38,000 in December.

More than 6½ million veterans have drawn at least one week's check, with payments averaging about 15 weeks for the entire group.

In 1790 the Negroes constituted one-fifth of the population of the United States. In 1900 the Negro population was less than one-ninth.

## Opinion Polls Said 'Loaded' Against Labor

Princeton, N.J. Public opinion polls are heavily loaded with an anti-labor bias, a study by a Columbia University professor revealed here. The Gallup poll was found most guilty but in the six other leading polls surveyed it was also concluded that "the odds run strongly against labor."

The study, which appeared in the winter issue of Princeton University's Public Opinion Quarterly, was made by Dr. Arthur Kornhauser, a member of Columbia's Bureau of Applied Research. Under scrutiny besides the Gallup poll were the Elmo Roper Fortune Survey, Opinion Research Corp., Psychological Corp., Nat'l. Opinion Research Center, the Minnesota Poll and the Iowa Poll.

### NEGRO ANGEL

Examining all labor questions asked by the seven opinion samplers from 1940 to 1945, Kornhauser found that of 155 questions, only eight dealt with positive or favorable aspects of unions, 66 were neutral or doubtful and 81 were concerned with union faults, activities the public condemns or proposed restrictions on unions.

### THREE-FOURTHS OF THE POLL

In addition to the choice of subject the Columbia expert discovered "four disturbing types of bias" in the wording of questions. The first type is one which offers a choice between a recognized evil and one particular proposed remedy, "nearly always one opposed by labor." For example, during the war the Gallup poll asked: "Should Congress pass a law forbidding strikes in war industries until the war is over, or should the workers in war industries continue to have the right to go on strike?"

A large majority voted for a law when actually they were voting against wartime strikes and probably would have been equally favorable to another alternative such as War Labor Board action, Kornhauser pointed out.

Questions on technical and specific points usually get answers based on general sentiments, Kornhauser said, warning that this type usually leads "many persons unfamiliar with the issues to give answers opposed to those of organized

## Where to Fish

### MONO COUNTY

Most roads are open to the 8000 foot level in Mono County, declares the National Automobile Club, and Crowley Lake and Gull Lake are clear of ice with Grant Lake open from the dam to the narrows. Prospects are good for early season fishing but may be short of water before season is over.

### SOLANO ANGLERS

Catfish anglers had better luck last week in Solano County, with several nice catches of very large catfish, although the bass take in the rivers above Rio Vista is average.

### SAN DIEGO LAKES

Fishing at Lake Henshaw, San Diego County, has been good. Cuyamaca Lake is closed to fishing until April 15. Bass fishing at Lower Otay Lake varies from good to poor. Crappie fishing fair at Lake Hodges, with Lakes Barrett and Moreno fair to poor.

### CATFISHING IMPROVES

Catfishing on Willow Creek and Walker Creek, Glen County streams, is said to be improving.

### MODOC SPORT

Catfishermen are reported to be making good catches along the Pit River between Alturas and Likely. Hundreds of fishermen are out for these fish on week-ends.

### LAKE HAVASU INDIFFERENT

Bass fishing is fair at Lake Havasu, San Bernardino County. Fishing on the lake will prove good one day and poor the next.

## Harvey Brown Scores Reilly's Appointment

Washington, D.C.

Protesting against the selection of Gerald Reilly as consultant to the Senate labor committee, Pres. Harvey W. Brown of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) wired Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) that Reilly's views "coincide substantially with the views of the Nat'l. Assn. of Manufacturers."

Brown said that Reilly's attitude "as expressed before your committee places him in a partial position regarding organized labor and renders him unfit to participate as an impartial assistant to your committee."

Reilly, according to Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R., Minn.) assisted him in preparing several of his bills amending the Wagner act.

### LABOR

### THE 'LOADED' QUESTION

Hidden assumptions and oversimplifications in questions also create traps. This question asked by the Psychological Corp. was cited: "Do you think that workers should be forced to stay in a union if they want to resign or get out?"

"Naturally the vote is resoundingly against 'forcing' workers to remain in a union against their will," Kornhauser said. "But the question leaves out everything that is important and distinctive about maintenance agreements and becomes a mere caricature of those plans."

## 'GOOD OLD DAYS'



When auto workers were organizing the Ford Motor Co., back in 1941, this is the kind of reception the workers received. Since then organized labor has expanded so that today 14 million workers are in unions. If the present anti-labor drive succeeds, and the Wagner Act is riddled, such scenes may become commonplace again. (Federated Pictures)

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